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Herald building one of six in running for world trade centre

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

The new owners of the Chronicle Herald building will be one of six groups competing to build a new World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax.

Joe Ramia, director of Rank inc., confirmed they had put the Argyle street location forward as a possible site for the new centre. The



missing out on millions

» Fred McGillivray, president and CEO of the World Trade and Convention Centre, has said Halifax misses out on millions of dollars each year because of the limited size of the current centre.

building is expected to be demolished sometime after the Chronicle Herald moves to its new location near the Armdale Rotary in June.

Five other developers have also sent in bids: Hardman Group; Bird/Rideau Construction; Eastpen Inc.; Halifax Port Authority; and Anwyll Fogo Architects.

Details of the bids are

confidential until the province and city evaluate them.

That should begin soon. HRM spokeswoman Deborah Story said a committee will review the bids and set up a short list. Then a request for proposal will be sent to the winning developer, and the two sides will begin discussing the project.

Storey said

she couldn't estimate how long the process would take but said the bids had not yet been reviewed.

Ramia also said his company did not put forward a bid to bring the national portrait gallery to Halifax, as had been previously speculated. Ramia said pursuing the portrait gallery was briefly considered but abandoned due to expense and other factors. Calgary is widely seen as the frontrunner to get the gallery.

"We were looking at it, but we did not," said Robia. "We got jammed for time and things just didn't happen."

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Teen gets youth jail for assault

Spared adult sentencing, 15-year-old girl could get \$200,000 in counselling

By **RACHEL BOOMER**
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A 15-year-old involved in torturing Kathie Lee Bennet last September was handed a two-year youth sentence yesterday.

The youth sentence, which is the longest she could have received without being sentenced as an adult, means she may become the first in Canada to qualify for \$200,000 in intensive therapy, tutoring, recreation and family counselling, paid for by the federal government.

Halifax youth court Judge Pam Williams sentenced the girl yesterday to 16 months in the Waterville youth jail, along with another eight months in the community, for aggravated assault. She gave the girl no credit for the eight months she's served while awaiting her sentence.

Crown attorney John Nisbet unsuccessfully argued an adult sentence would give the teen more time behind bars and allow her to mature.

The teen's lawyer, Megan Longley, said yesterday the girl can now apply for a federal government program that offers \$275 a day for private counselling.

The teen was one of three girls who beat, kicked and burned Bennet with cigarettes for more than an hour behind a Dartmouth school Sept. 20, 2007. She had a broken eye socket and nose, and needed surgery.

In March, Brittany McNeil, 18, was sentenced to six years for her role in the assault. Another teen is scheduled to be sentenced next month.

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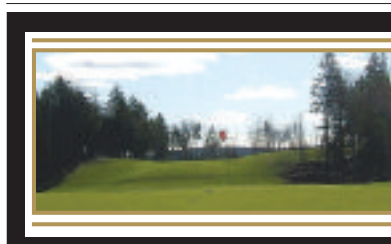
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An evening with Manning

Preston Manning speaks at the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs inaugural annual lecture at Saint Mary's University last night. The focus of Manning's lecture was re-engaging Canadians in democracy. Story, page 3.

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No crabs this year: Feds

But officials may make changes to quota in 2009

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

Cape Breton lobster fishermen who blockaded a harbour this weekend may someday see their demands met, but it won't happen this year according to the federal government.

A group of fishermen from Inverness met with officials from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans yes-

terday, looking for a share of the yearly crab fishing quota.

Because the quotas had already been set for 2008, that isn't possible this year, said a DFO official, but they will consider making changes for next year.

"I wouldn't say we're exactly happy, but I can't say we're surprised," said Trevor McInnis, one of the fishermen at the meeting. "It's a possibility. That's where we have to start."

From Thursday through Sunday a group of fishermen blockaded Inverness

Harbour, trapping a group of New Brunswick fishing boats in the harbour. The act was meant to draw attention to lobster fishermen struggling with rising fuel costs and poor lobster catches. McInnis said the blockade was a success in that regard.

"This side of the island needs some help. Lobster's just not going to cut it," McInnis said. "Don't get me wrong, we had a few good years, too. You felt comfortable raising a family. But not now."

One possibility discussed

« *This side of the island needs some help. Lobster's just not going to cut it. Don't get me wrong, we had a few good years, too. You felt comfortable raising a family. But not now.* »

Fisherman Trevor McInnis

at the meeting was allowing lobster fisherman to catch crabs, but tying this to fewer lobster traps. The fishermen are scheduled to meet Nova Scotia Fisheries

Minister Ron Chisholm this week and hope to also speak to his federal counterpart, Loyola Hearn.

DFO officials told Metro Halifax it was too early to say what changes might come next year, if any. McInnis does anticipate some resistance from fishermen who currently fish crab. But he said the New Brunswick crab fishermen who were trapped in Inverness Harbour handled the situation very well and many sympathized with the Cape Bretoners.

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Repeat med tests frustrates immigrant

By **LINDSAY JONES**
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A Russian man who has fought to settle in Nova Scotia for the past four years is refusing to get the medical exams necessary to finalize permanent residency for himself, his wife and two sons.

In an open letter, Vitaly Bondarenko expressed frustration about the system and the Immigration Department's requirement for another medical exam when the family has already had them done twice.

"The point is not only the money (every medical examination costs about \$800), but it's time. It's about four months of waiting. Actually, we don't have any health, nerves or strength left," Bondarenko said in the letter.

"We don't believe in our future in Canada any-more."

Bondarenko's Halifax lawyer Lee Cohen says the family recently cleared the last big hurdle and got a green light from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

"The glitch is that because it has taken this long to process their application at this moment in time, the medicals that the Bondarenkos did previously have since expired, so like anybody else who applies to Canada, they have to have current medicals," Cohen said.

"We're at that moment in time now where everybody that I've ever worked for wants to be."

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\$820,000 announced for Aboriginal trades program

Strategy targets skilled labour shortage in N.S.

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Canada's human resources minister yesterday announced funding to promote apprenticeship and trades programs for Aboriginal people in the province.

The Aboriginal Human Resource Council will receive \$670,000 in federal dollars and \$150,000 from the province to implement the Nova Scotia Coordinated Aboriginal Apprenticeship and Trades Strategy, which kicked off at the beginning of May.

Minister Monte Solberg's announcement at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel was part of an overall speech about impending labour shortages in the province and across the country.

"Our problem is that we have too few workers with too few skills to meet the

demand," he told the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

And as the baby boomers head toward retirement, the problem will only get worse, he said.

The strategy and funding will provide career opportunities for Aboriginal people while at the same time helping to fill the shortage of skilled trades workers in the province.

newcomers

» Solberg also announced federal funding of \$560,000 through the Workplace Skills Initiative to help integrate newcomers into the workplace. About 350 immigrants to the province will benefit from this program.

"This is very exciting news," said Valerie Whynot, a job developer with the Native Council of Nova Scotia.

She said with the strategy in place, native youths and young adults are starting to learn more about the trade industry and the funding will only help increase this awareness.

"There's good wages in the trades now and I think that's what's starting to change things around," she said.

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Federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Monte Solberg was in Halifax to announce funding for programs to address the increasing labour shortage in the province.

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» **ARTISTS** Nomination deadlines have changed for two of the province's art prizes. The deadline for the Portia White Prize has been changed to July 15th. The deadline for the Prix Grand-Pré has been changed to Aug. 15. Prix Grand-Pré nominations will now be accepted for artists working in any

medium, instead of one discipline each year. Nomination forms and more information about these and other prizes can be found on the Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage website at www.gov.ns.ca/dtc/culture/culture_prize.s.asp.

» **INTEGRATION** Three children's aid societies have decided to integrate their services and staff with the Department of Community Services. The Family and Children's Services of Cumberland, Queens and Yarmouth counties are joining other agencies in Halifax, Lunenburg, Shelburne and Annapolis

counties that integrated with the Department of Community Services in the past two years. Integrating the three agencies will bring the department's total number of district offices providing child welfare services to 13.

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Charges are pending on both sides of the Confederation Bridge against a 25-year-old Moncton man in connection with the alleged theft of a pickup truck.

SOURCE: CBC.CA



No quick fix for democracy

Politicians need to regain public's respect: Manning

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

How do you restore people's trust in politicians? Well, there's no catchy punch line here.

In his speech at Saint Mary's University in Halifax last night, Preston Manning pointed out that jokes about elected officials pervade our social consciousness and are a sign of society's lack of confidence in politicians.

"What do a river and a politician have in common?"

"They both have a wide mouth and a narrow head," Manning said, prompting laughter.

The former leader of the Reform Party of Canada and Canadian Alliance spoke to about 100 people last night about how to re-engage the public in democracy.

He pointed to flaws in the democratic system that lead to voter apathy.

Parliament's adversarial nature lends itself to assertions that aren't always truthful or give the full picture.

Citizens should also have more involvement in choosing the electoral system. Elected members should be free to represent their constituents as

opposed to their party's stance.

He said voters should also elect people based on their commitment to democracy.

"Do they listen more than they talk?" Manning said.

Politicians could become more trustful if better training was provided, he said. No other service organization invests less in human resources development, something he said he hopes to change as the CEO of the think-tank Manning Centre for Building Democracy.

Manning said potential political candidates need to learn practical skills like door-knocking, managing campaign associations and

how to navigate faith in politics.

"It used to be that voters welcomed campaigns with deep religious and moral convictions. ... Today, people are scared stiff of candidates with any kind of obvious religious connections. They're wackos. They're afraid of extremists," he said.

Manning, who identifies as an evangelical Christian, said politicians should heed the advice of Jesus who told his works to be wise as serpents and gracious as doves.

"He did not say be as vicious as snakes and stupid as pigeons," he said, triggering laughs all around.

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Sailing A cloudy forecast



RACHEL BOOMER/METRO HALIFAX

Crewmember Justin Bean climbs down the mast of the yacht Perseus yesterday as sunshine and warm temperatures made it feel like tall-ship season on the waterfront. The sunny skies weren't expected to last though: Environment Canada is forecasting cloudy skies or showers for the rest of the week.

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» **APPEAL** The provincial Utilities and Review Board (UARB) has denied an appeal of a decision made by Kings County council last year. The matter involved approving a development agreement with Constance Ward to construct semi-detached dwellings on Cornwallis Crescent in Coldbrook. The proposal concerned four semi-detached dwellings totaling eight residential units.

» **PAIN** Work carried out by the medical adviser to the Cape Breton Injured Workers Association and a local injured worker has been selected for presentation at the World Congress on Pain this summer. The poster abstract submitted by Dr. Irene Campbell-Taylor and Sharon MacIntyre was one of only 180 accepted out of more than 1,900 submissions for the congress, which will take place in Glasgow, Scotland, in August.

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Justice Department blasted

Critics say health, safety disregarded

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Jail guards at the Cape Breton correctional facility should have been told about asbestos in the building at the same time other employees were informed, critics say.

"What happened in this situation is they didn't follow the code of practice; they didn't notify all the employees," said New Democrat MLA Gordie Gosse yesterday.

Maintenance workers at the facility were informed May 8 after initial testing was done and the guards weren't notified until a week later.

The air testing began March 26, the day after an inmate noticed asbestos on the pipes and made a complaint.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke said yesterday the department followed protocol and informed employees of the possible health hazard as early as possible. But the guards are frustrated they didn't learn of the testing process taking place until almost two months after it began.

New Democrat Leader Darrell Dexter said at the legislature yesterday, the Justice Department shows a disturbing disregard for the health and safety of corrections officers.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil backed up his con-

cerns.

"Why wasn't the proper protocol followed and corrections officers informed of this health hazard?" Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil asked during question period.

Clarke told the house of assembly the department did everything that was required of them.

He added that tests at the facility conducted over the long weekend, found the asbestos to be "in acceptable limits."

The results of those tests will be revealed today, he said.

When corrections officers learned of the asbestos last Thursday, many of them stopped going to work.

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No money for lunchtime

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

The education minister is sticking to her guns: Halifax schools will not get any extra funding when programs charging lunch supervision fees are cut next year.

New Democrat education critic Percy Paris told the legislature yesterday the Halifax Regional School Board will have to come up with an extra \$2.7 million to cover lunchtime supervision.

"It needs a cash infusion to get the lunch supervision program off the ground," he told

the minister, asking for a one-time grant.

But Karen Casey said that's not a possibility. All other boards in the province have found a way to deal with lunchtime supervision for students without any help from the department and without charging extra fees, she said.

"We are giving the Halifax board one full year to implement models to allow that to be delivered," she said.

The minister made the decision two weeks ago to legislate lunch supervision with no user fees across the province starting in September 2009.



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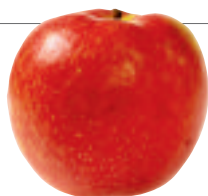
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A fire destroyed much of a two-storey apple warehouse in Grand Pré on the Monday night. The Wolfville volunteer fire department needed an excavator to put out the fire. The fire marshal's office is investigating the cause of the blaze.

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Hoisting the sails

Nova Scotia clipper off to slow start in Race 10

In fluky wind conditions, Race 10 to from Panama to Jamaica began Monday morning with Jamaica first off the line, showing determination to break the so-called "home port curse" and secure its first win of the Clipper series.

Following its headsail hoists, the fleet was hit by a sudden squall, causing the winds to shift temporarily to the south. As the fleet headed north toward Jamaica, overall race leaders Hull & Humber moved into pole position with Durban 2010 and Beyond close on their heels, as both teams sacrificed direction in favour of speed by choosing to sail higher than best course.

The last four yachts to transit the Panama Canal sailed out into the Caribbean Sunday night to join the six who had completed their passage Friday and Saturday for the Le Mans start at a pre-arranged rendezvous



The clippers line up for a Le Mans start off the shore of Panama Monday morning.

point. In a Le Mans start, the yachts line up with only their mainsails hoisted. On the starting signal they must raise their headsails as quickly as they can to gain as much advantage as possible over their competition.

The 590-mile race is one of the shortest of the 14 individual races in Clipper 2007-08.

The Nova Scotia clipper got off to a slow start and found itself at the back of the pack trailing Western Aus-

tralia and Singapore.

Current leaders Hull & Humber are confident they can maintain their current form and make another appearance on the podium. "The race is going to be manic because it's a sprint, so

there's not going to be any weather routing issues or anything," said crew member Nigel Rose. "It's just going to be side-by-side for four days, so it's going to be tough and demanding. We seem to be able to push the boat harder

race standings

- Race 10 Standings
1. Hull & Humber
 2. New York
 3. Liverpool 08
 4. Jamaica
 5. Glasgow
 6. Durban 2010
 7. Qingdao
 8. Uniquely Singapore
 9. Western Australia
 10. Nova Scotia

» The Clipper Round-the-World yacht race 2007-08 will be sailing into Halifax in early June with Metro Halifax as a local partner. Clipper Ventures is unique in offering non-professional sailors the opportunity to compete in a round-the-world yacht race. In anticipation of the fleet's arrival, we'll be bringing you updates on the race in the weeks ahead in collaboration with www.clipper-roundtheworld.com

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than most. It's challenging but we're very good at it."

The yachts are expected to arrive in Errol Flynn Marina, Port Antonio, late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

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Studying pot's effects on drivers

Researcher hopes to pinpoint drugs' specific risks

By MELISSA SMITH
for Metro Halifax

When Mark Asbridge came across surveys indicating driving under the influence of drugs such as cannabis has surpassed the rate of driving under the influence of alcohol, it stirred his interest in exploring the precise effect of cannabis on drivers.

"People are quite concerned about this issue," says Asbridge, an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health at Dalhousie University.

Cannabis affects drivers differently than alcohol. It distorts the user's perception of space, rather than slowing down reaction time as is the



Dalhousie University researcher Mark Asbridge is hoping to pinpoint the precise effects of cannabis on drivers.

case with alcohol, Asbridge said.

"It's the question of risk, and whether we can demonstrate if cannabis can actually increase the risk of a

collision, whether or not it can impact the severity." Asbridge says John Macdonald, co-ordinator of the Drug Recognition Program for Nova Scotia, says use of mar-

ijuana has grown in recent years and voiced concern about the potential ramifications on the road.

"You can do the typical driving functions — switching gears, steering, breaking, accelerating — but you're unaware of your environment. When your divided attention ability is diminished by drugs, you're not quite able to pay attention to the traffic lights, the crosswalks, or whatever's around you," he said. "It takes away your ability to pay attention. All drugs, whether it be cannabis or alcohol, are equal in that way."

Over the next two years, Asbridge and the rest of his team plan to survey 1,500 people in three different Canadian hospitals, including the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax, and two more hospitals located in Toronto.

Local police searching for shooter; casserole assailant

By RACHEL BOOMER
Metro Halifax

Halifax Regional Police are conducting two strange investigations: One into gunshots fired in a Dartmouth neighbourhood, and the other into an assault with a heavy piece of cookware

On Monday night, police got a tip that there had been shots fired in a Pinecrest Drive neighbourhood in Dartmouth — but the tipster hadn't heard them.

When they got there, they

found shell casings, but no victim, and no sign of what had been fired upon.

At 10 p.m. Monday, police went to a rooming house on Portland Street after one man hit another one with either a casserole dish or a large frying pan.

The two men knew each other; the victim went to hospital with a serious, but non-life-threatening head injury.

Police are looking for the assailant — and his cookware.

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» **MEETING** The Yarmouth Port Authority is looking for input from the public on what direction Yarmouth's port and waterfront should be heading in. A public meeting is being held on June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Rodd Grand Hotel.

» **APPLES** Miriam Ferrer, a post-doctoral fellow from Acadia University's biology department, has discovered a way to help fruit producers achieve a more consistent yearly production of organic apples and meet industry standards. METRO HALIFAX



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State police commander Enrique Wuilar in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, said an American man who says he witnessed the shooting death of Canadian Bouabab Bounthavorn is being held in custody. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Critics fear Bill C-51

Legislation would modernize Food and Drugs Act

Bill C-51, legislation — making its way through Parliament — will modernize the Food and Drugs Act for the first time in over 50 years.

"There is a lot of uncertainty around the bill and how it will impact access to natural health products. No one seems to be quite sure," Daniel Chiang, a nutritionist and Toronto clinic owner said.



Fines could soar

» Maximum fines for contravening the act could increase from \$5,000 to as much as \$5 million.

The confusion has generated controversy. Earlier this month, hundreds of people turned up at rallies across the country to protest the bill.

The Food and Drugs Act regulates the production, transport and sale of food, drug, contraceptive devices and cosmetics, with a focus on ensuring products are safe, ingredients are dis-

closed and there are no false or exaggerated health claims on the product label.

Among proposed changes in Bill C-51 are greater penalties for rule-breakers, power to the health minister to recall drug products, and improved safety of all products.

But critics — who have been carefully monitoring the progress of the bill, which

is awaiting second reading — fear changes to the act will restrict access to natural health products, delay their approval, and give the health minister unprecedented powers of enforcement.

Critics fear the minister would be able to suspend or cancel clinical trials, disclose and demand confidential information, and impose "outrageous" fines for minor infractions — with no mention of an appeal process after such decisions.

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Canada's rank falls in peace survey

Iceland is the world's most peaceful nation while the United States is ranked among the bottom third, according to a study released yesterday.

The "Global Peace Index," compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit, ranked the United States 97th out of 140 countries according to how peaceful they were domestically and how they interacted with the outside world.

Canada was no longer in the top 10 most peaceful nations. Last year it ranked 8th and this year fell to 11th.

Small, stable and democratic countries were found to

be the most peaceful in the index, with 16 of the top 20 coming from western or central European democracies.

The Group of Eight major economic powers were a mixed bag. Japan ranked fifth, Canada 11th, Germany 14th, Italy 28th, France 36th and Britain 49th. Russia was near the bottom at 131st, the only one in the group below the United States.

Iraq ranked lowest on the index. Afghanistan was also in the bottom five, along with Sudan, Somalia and Israel.

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Vancouver Rubik's cube



Competitive "speed cuber" Hong Chen works on a Rubik's Cube at his Burnaby, B.C. home yesterday. The first Pacific Northwestern competition will be held in Vancouver June 14. Chen took third place for blindfolded cubing at an international competition in Toronto last year. He solved it in three minutes.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Take back changes: Group

A Commons committee is urging the government to withdraw immigration amendments in the budget bill that give Immigration Minister Diane Finley unprecedented discretionary powers.

Concerns raised include worries the changes would not address the backlog because they apply only to new applications. Also, the minister's discretionary power to

prioritize and dispose of applications lacks transparency and creates uncertainty. The changes could also favour skilled immigrants at the expense of family-class and humanitarian applications.

Conservative members of the committee said the amendments are necessary to fix "Canada's broken and overloaded" immigration system.

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»news In Brief

» **REPORT** An estimated 8,000 Ontarians die needlessly from chronic diseases every year in part because of the government's slow progress in setting up a system of electronic health records. That's a key conclusion in the

annual report of the Ontario Health Quality Council, a provincial agency that found fewer than half of diabetics, for example, get enough testing and monitoring to keep their blood sugar under control. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The Wall Street Burger Shoppe has regained its title for New York's costliest burger. For just \$175, diners can chow down on a Kobe beef patty with black truffles, seared foie gras, aged Gruyere cheese, wild mushrooms and flecks of gold leaf on a brioche bun.

REUTERS

Quake toll tops 40,000

Another 32,000 still missing after China disaster

China raised the number of dead or missing from a devastating earthquake to more than 70,000 yesterday, as rescuers found more survivors eight days after the huge tremor hit.

A government statement said the number killed had now topped 40,000, and state news agency Xinhua reported that a further 32,000 were missing.

Authorities had previously said they expected the final death toll to exceed 50,000. More than 247,000

were injured.

Anger was building among bereaved parents in Sichuan over the way many school buildings had collapsed, burying whole classrooms full of children. In one town, in a rare public protest, hundreds demanded punishment for anyone guilty of shoddy construction.

Xinhua reported a 60-year-old woman was rescued in Pengzhou, more than 196 hours after the May 12 quake struck. It said she had survived on rainwater.

In Wenchuan county, epicentre of the quake in mountainous Sichuan province, Ma Yuanjiang, 31, was found alive. His body was "as fragile

« I survived purely on my will ... I have a 60-year-old mother, a wife and two young children. »

Quake survivor

Li Tenqchang

as that of a newborn baby," Chongqing Xinqiao hospital president Wang Weidong said, according to Xinhua.

Rescuers also pulled about 10 people off a mountain near Shifang town where they had been building an electricity generation station when the quake struck.

Li Tengchang, 38, said 40 of his colleagues had been killed by falling boulders, and that

others were still alive on the mountain.

"When the wait wore on, we thought no one would come save us and we would probably die," said Li, who was being treated for kidney damage. "I survived purely on my will. I told myself I had to live and I had to survive. I have a 60-year-old mother, a wife and two young children."

Meanwhile, nearly 9,000 people were evacuated from the base of Shiziliang Mountain near Guangyuan city over concerns about huge cracks on its slopes. And Beichuan, one of the worst-hit towns, was closed off after official warnings of fresh tremors.

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RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT HANDOUT/REUTERS

Red Cross workers distribute relief supplies and provide assistance to cyclone-affected villagers in Bogale in the Irrawaddy Delta in this undated handout picture released yesterday.

Myanmar allows helicopter access

Food program granted permission to fly in supplies

Yangon, the largest city, but had balked at aerial access to the southwestern Irrawaddy Delta, where an estimated 2.4 million people were left destitute.

"We have received government permission to operate nine WFP helicopters, which will allow us to reach areas that have so far been largely inaccessible," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon told reporters before departing for a visit to Myanmar.

Amid warnings that many more people could die in the Southeast Asian country, Ban said he welcomed the government's "recent flexibility," but added that aid workers had so far been able to reach only around 25 percent of those in need.

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USA

Clinton wins state, Obama eyes prize



Clinton

Clinton captured the first of two Democratic nominating tests yesterday with a big win in Kentucky.

Clinton was headed to a double-digit margin in Kentucky, a bastion of the white working-class voters who have been her biggest supporters. But the results there and in Oregon will give Obama a majority of pledged delegates won in the lengthy state-by-state nominating fight with Clinton.

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POLITICS

Nargis numbers

» The official numbers are 77,738 people dead and 55,917 missing, making Nargis one of the worst cyclones to hit Asia in decades. Myanmar's government has estimated the damage at \$10 billion US.

Japan Beauty bath



YUJIKO NAKAO/REUTERS

Kazuhiro Aoki, puts his face in an aquarium as Garra rufa, a fish used for skin treatment, nibbles his skin at the Beautyworld Japan trade fair in Tokyo yesterday. Over 600 exhibitors took part in Japan's largest beauty trade fair which ends today.

Food prices to stay high: World Bank

The World Bank warned yesterday that it expects the cost of staple foods such as rice to stay high for years, but said the world's food markets were intact and needed no intervention.

"This is not a few weeks, few months thing. It could be two or three years," World Bank Managing Director Juan Jose Daboub told reporters after a speech at a Singapore university.

He said global food markets were working and had not lost their ability "to fix themselves".

"It's better to have an imperfect market than a perfect bureaucrat deciding for others.

Daboub, a former finance minister of El Salvador, said 100 million people had been pushed back into poverty over the last two years due to higher food costs.

He also said that food prices doubling for three years was equivalent to

going back seven years in the fight against poverty.

"The speed at which food prices have increased is startling," Daboub said, adding that in real terms, the price of rice was higher than at any time since the commodity price shocks in the mid-1970s.

"The key element in any longer-term solution will be to increase global food production."

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« It's better to have an imperfect market than a perfect bureaucrat deciding for others. »

World Bank director

Juan Jose Daboub

Troops to stay as long as needed: Afghan minister

The Afghan government will decide when foreign troops will leave the country, the foreign minister said yesterday, but added they would be needed until Afghan security forces could stand on their own feet.

"Whenever ... the Afghan security forces and its national army acquire the ability to defend this water and soil against international terrorism and foreign interventions, there will be no

need for the presence of international military forces in Afghanistan," Foreign Minister Ranganee Daddar Spanta told a news conference.

"And the government of Afghanistan itself will specify as to when and who needs to be (here) or go," Spanta replied when asked by a reporter whether the government had set any time frame for the withdrawal of foreign troops.

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foreign forces

» 60,000 foreign troops are currently deployed in Afghanistan, including roughly 2,500 Canadian soldiers.

»news In Brief

» **SURVEILLANCE** Britain is considering a massive government database to store the e-mails, Internet information, phone-calls and text messages of all residents to help security forces in the fight against crime and terrorism. At the moment, records of phone-calls and text messages are kept up to 12 months by telecom companies, in compliance with an EU anti-terrorism directive.

» **IRAQ** U.S. President George W. Bush has apologized to Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and promised prosecution of a U.S. soldier accused of using a copy of the Koran for target practice, Iraq said yesterday.

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business

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	U.S.\$ 99.18¢

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	\$2.02

The U.S. Treasury Dept. discriminates against blind or poorly-visioned Americans by printing paper money that makes it impossible for them to distinguish denominations, a federal appeals court ruled. **REUTERS**

Bombardier awarded \$1.2B VistaJet order

35 planes OK'd with option for 25 more aircraft

Bombardier Inc., the world's third-largest civil aircraft maker, said yesterday it has won an order for business aircraft worth up to \$1.2 bil-

lion US from Switzerland's VistaJet.

The order, which was announced at an air show in Geneva, is for 35 firm orders with options for an additional 25 aircraft, the Canadian aerospace company said.

If all options are exercised, the total value of the order

will be about \$1.2 billion, Bombardier said.

As well, Bombardier said it will sell its charter unit Bombardier Skyjet International to VistaJet. The company said it has signed a memorandum of understanding, but did not provide financial details of the deal. **REUTERS**

»news In Brief

» **OPEC** The U.S. House overwhelmingly approved legislation yesterday allowing the Justice Department to sue OPEC members for limiting oil supplies and working together to set crude prices, but the White House threatened to veto the

measure.

» **OIL** Crude oil prices scaled a new peak near \$130 US a barrel yesterday amid deepening worries over tight global stockpiles and signals from OPEC that no additional supplies are

forthcoming to ease the crunch.

» **TRANSPORT** Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin yesterday pledged nearly \$550 billion US to modernize Russia's creaking transport system by 2015. **REUTERS**

France Fishermen protest



A fisherman throws a pallet into a fire yesterday at a roadblock near a fishing port in Boulogne sur mer in northern France. Hundreds of French fishermen blocked ports and oil depots in France in protest against diesel fuel costs and fishing quotas they claim were killing their business.

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Mining still economic factor: Mining-related businesses continue to play an important role in Nova Scotia's rural economy, a new study confirms. The report updates an economic impact study first released in 2006 showing that more than 6,300 people earn their living in direct and indirect jobs in the minerals sector, contributing more than \$488 million to the province's GDP. Gypsum, crushed stone and salt remain the products with the highest primary production values.

Ambassadors for Come to life: Fifty-eight businesses and associations plus two of Nova Scotia's most popular entertainers have so far become ambassadors for the province with the provincial government's Nova Scotia Come to life initiative. Singer-songwriter Bruce Guthrie and comedian Ron James signed up as Come to life charter members in

Antigonish on May 16. More than 400 business and community leaders attended the dinner. Nova Scotia Come to life is now represented by 149 charter members. More information is available at www.novascotialife.com

John Lynn new ECBC head: The speculation of the Enterprise Cape Breton Corp's future began to heighten following the official departure of Rick Beaton as its vice-president and chief executive in November. However, it was announced on May 15 that former longtime Sobeys executive and new Glasgow native John Lynn would succeed Beaton as chief executive and vice-president of ECBC. The five-year appointment is effective June 1. The agency has been co-ordinating economic development efforts in the region for the last two decades.

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The Workers' Compensation Board is a vibrant, stakeholder-driven Board of Directors that sets the vision, accountability and policy direction for the WCB, and works in partnership with other agencies to develop coordinated strategies for the Workplace Safety and Insurance System.

The Province of Nova Scotia is seeking an employer stakeholder representative to sit as member of the Board of Directors for the Workers' Compensation Board. The Workers' Compensation Board exercises stewardship over yearly revenues in excess of \$254 Million and assets of over \$1.1 Billion. The Board operates independently from government and is accountable to employer and employee stakeholders.

Employer stakeholder associations that are interested in nominating a member to serve on the Board of Directors should forward, in nomination:

- The individual's resume, specifying the nominee's relevant experience in such fields as workers' compensation, governance and accountability, safety and injury prevention, healthcare management or other related fields.
- A letter of nomination from the association and any other supporting documentation. Individual applications will not be considered.

As the Province is committed to affirmative action for appointments, stakeholder associations are asked to identify whether candidates are members of aboriginal communities, women, persons with disabilities and/or members of racially visible groups. Compensation for this position is currently \$300 per day with an additional stipend of \$2,000 per year when chairing a subcommittee of the Board.

Stakeholder associations are asked to send their completed nominations to:

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Deadline for applications is Tuesday, June 10, 2008



sports



Former Halifax Rainmen point guard Jermaine Anderson, left, is returning to Canada's men's basketball team this summer. The 6-foot-2 Toronto native has been a member of the national team since 2004. METRO HALIFAX

Pridham picks Saint Mary's

Ex-Moosehead staying local for next hockey stop

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

The Saint Mary's Huskies won't have many new faces in their hockey lineup next season, but Halifax Mooseheads graduate Colby Pridham will be one of them.

Pridham, an assistant captain with the Mooseheads this season, is headed to Saint Mary's in the fall, along with Tangier native Tyler Hawes of the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies.

The Huskies are only losing a handful of players from last year's team that went 20-5-3 and finished as Atlantic University Sport's runner-up to the New Brunswick Varsity Reds.

"They've got a solid group of

young players," said Pridham, a 5-foot-11, 177-pound left-winger/centre. "They were a really good team this year and they'll be a good team for the next three years. That will be exciting to be a part of."

The 20-year-old attended NHL training camp with the Tampa Bay Lightning last fall but a contract didn't materialize. He returned to junior and battled a nagging ankle injury to post 15 goals and 20 assists for 35 points in 51 games — a dip in production from his 59-point breakthrough campaign in 2006-07.

Pridham, who will study business at Saint Mary's, said he will need to do strength exercises for the ankle injury, which he expects to linger for the rest of his career.

Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg sees Pridham stepping into a key role and making an immediate impact.

"He's a good player on both sides of the puck and he's a quality, quality person," Stienburg said. "He can provide offence, he's committed to defence, and he's captain material."

Hawes, a 6-foot-4, 224-pound winger, had a 29-goal campaign for Rouyn-Noranda. Stienburg said he likes Hawes' work ethic and two-way game.

Stienburg also confirmed the Huskies have added blue-liner Justin Wallingford from the Kingston Frontenacs. The 6-foot-6, 226-pound captain had 50 points in 61 games.

Around the league, the Varsity Reds appear to have the inside track on Cape Breton Screaming Eagles standouts Dean Ouellet and Jordan Clendenning. The Acadia Axemen are believed to be close to adding Eagles blue-liner Beau Prokopetz.

—matthew.wuest@metronews.ca

Vincent headed to Verdun?

The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles will need a new head coach and general manager today, according to RDS.ca.

The French sister station of TSN reported yesterday that Pascal Vincent is leaving his posts with the Screaming Eagles to take the same jobs with the new Verdun Junior in Montreal. The report said an announcement will be made today.

The St. John's Fog Devils are relocating to Verdun this summer.

Vincent has been with the Screaming Eagles since 1999. He received heavy praise for leading a rebuilding team to a 40-24-3-3 record this season and was named the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's coach of the year. He was also named general manager of the year in 2007.

Eagles president Paul MacDonald declined comment.

—MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX



Colby Pridham, who scored 35 points in 51 games for the Halifax Mooseheads this past season, will be skating for the Saint Mary's Huskies this fall.

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Five-time Canadian ice dance champions Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon, right, announced their retirement from competitive skating yesterday ahead of their upcoming wedding this summer.

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Odds makers favour Wings

They've won 16 consecutive games on their home ice, their top gunners — Marion Hossa, Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby — have been on fire and their goaltender, Marc-Andre Fleury, has never been more efficient. And, yet, the Pittsburgh Penguins stand no chance in the Stanley Cup championship series.

This, at least, is the view of professional odds makers, who've established the Pens as sizeable underdogs against the Detroit Red Wings for the NHL final, which begins Saturday.

The Wings are \$1.60 favourites, meaning wagerers who take them must lay that much to win a dollar. If the Pens prevail, bettors would collect \$1.40 for every dollar they

placed on them.

My hunch: The Wings take the series in seven. But the Pens, if they re-sign Hossa, win the next three Cups in a row.

» Doesn't the NHL's schedule really seem odd now, in retrospect, since the

Wings and Pens never met even once during the regular season?

I mean, seriously, how far apart are Detroit and Pittsburgh? A one-hour flight?

» From the mighty-have-fallen department comes word from NBA sources that the Raptors are seeking to dump their previously highly touted forward, Andrea Bargnani, and have had significant trade discussions about him with the New Jersey Nets, who also covet the Denver Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony and

Marcus Camby and the Phoenix Suns' Leandro Barbosa and Boris Diaw ... Brace yourself for this: Tim Donaghy, the ex-NBA referee who's been busted for shaving points and gambling on games, is about to testify that other officials, coaches and even players were aware of, and participated in, fixes ... Let's knock off all the dissing of the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, shall we? Kobe quietly went out the

other day and bought each of his teammates \$9,000 US Swiss watches. Nice gesture by the MVP.

» And, speaking of unfairly criticized MVPs, the New York Yankees went 6-11 while Alex Rodriguez was injured. ... The San Diego Padres are wretched and about to start dealing players, including future Hall of

Famer Greg Maddux, who'll likely return to the Atlanta Braves' pitching staff ... The Seattle Mariners, also inept, are desperate and plucked a Blue Jays farmhand, 27-year-old Tracy Thorpe, off the

waiver wire. Thorpe was 2-0 with four saves in 13 appearances for Triple A Syracuse ... And then there's ex-sluggo Jose Canseco, whose latest steroids-in-baseball book isn't exactly a best-seller

and who lost his home after missing mortgage payments. Sadly, he's about to become a so-called celebrity boxer — \$5,000 per appearance.

In three-plus decades as a columnist and broadcaster, Marty York has built a network of solid contacts and a renowned reputation for his hard-hitting, groundbreaking style. The tradition continues in Metro Sports.

»sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Chicago Bulls won the lottery held last night and will get the first pick in next month's NBA Draft. The Bulls, who had only a 1.7 per cent chance of winning the right to pick first after posting a 33-49 regular season record, will select ahead of the Miami Heat, who had a 25 per cent shot at the top choice.

» **MLB** Mike Piazza, a 62nd-round draft choice who became one of baseball's best hitting catchers, formally announced his retirement yesterday. Piazza, 39, holds the major league record for home runs by a catcher with 396 of the 427 round-trippers he slugged during a 16-year career.

» **HOCKEY** The Gatineau Olympiques are headed home early from the Memorial Cup. The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League champs lost 3-1 to the Spokane Chiefs last night to fall to 0-3, eliminating them from playoff contention.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celtics continue home dominance

Garnett sets pace in Game 1 victory

CELTICS 88 PISTONS 79

Kevin Garnett scored 26 points and Paul Pierce added 22 as the Celtics beat the Detroit Pistons 88-79 last night in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals in Boston.

Having been pushed to seven games in each of the

first two rounds, against Atlanta and Cleveland, respectively, the Celtics remained unbeaten on their home floor in the postseason after nine contests.

Rajon Rondo had 11 points for Boston, which is trying to advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1987. Tayshaun Prince scored 16 points for the Pistons, who are into the East finals for a sixth straight year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

SCOREBOARD

NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL

PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT

Game 1 — Saturday

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9

Game 2 — Monday

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9

Game 3 — Wednesday, May 28

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 9

Game 4 — Saturday, May 31

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 9

*Game 5 — Monday, June 2

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9

*Game 6 — Wednesday, June 4

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 9

*Game 7 — Monday, June 7

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9

(* — if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. DETROIT

Game 1 — Last night

Boston 88 Detroit 79

Game 2 — Tomorrow

Detroit at Boston, 9:30

Game 3 — Saturday

Boston at Detroit, 9:30

Game 4 — Monday

Boston at Detroit, 9:30

*Game 5 — Wednesday, May 28

Detroit at Boston, 9:30

*Game 6 — Friday, May 30

Boston at Detroit, 9:30

*Game 7 — Sunday, June 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 1 — Tonight

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10

Game 2 — Friday

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10

Game 3 — Sunday

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30

Game 4 — Tuesday, May 27

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 10

*Game 5 — Thursday, May 29

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10

*Game 6 — Saturday, May 31

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30

*Game 7 — Monday, June 2

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10

(* — if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 12 N.Y. Yankees 2

Boston 2 Kansas City 1

Detroit 12 Seattle 8

L.A. Angels 3 Toronto 1

Minnesota 11 Texas 4

Chicago W. Sox 4 Cleveland 1

Tampa Bay at Oakland

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 6 N.Y. Mets 1 (Gm 1)

Florida 4 Arizona 3

Houston 4 Chicago Cubs 2

Milwaukee 7 Pittsburgh 2

Philadelphia 1 Washington 0

Atlanta 6 N.Y. Mets 2 (Gm 2)

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tampa Bay at Oakland, 4:35

Seattle at Detroit, 8:05

Kansas City at Boston, 8:05

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05

L.A. Angels at Toronto, 8:07

Texas at Minnesota, 9:10

Cleveland at Chicago W. Sox, 9:11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Francisco at Colorado, 4:05

Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 8:05

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 8:10

Arizona at Florida, 8:10

Philadelphia at Washington, 8:10

Chicago Cubs at Houston, 9:05

St. Louis at San Diego, 11:05

Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 11:10

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Saturn's perky performer

Belgian-made Astra a neat little road-runner

By **MICHAEL BANOVSKY**
for Metro Halifax

Much is made about the original philosophy behind GM's Saturn division, which was to lure import buyers from their Corollas and Civics and get them into Saturn's SLs and SCs.

Combined with plastic body panels and no-haggle pricing, General Motors thought they'd created a winner. But the fact always remained that Saturn's products lacked both an American identity and Japanese reliability. It was like going for sushi

at McDonald's. Still, the brand ended up outliving Oldsmobile and ditching its oft-touted plastic body panels.

Now, instead of fighting the imports with American innovation, Saturn is battling back with a few imports of its own. The Belgian-made Astra never suffers from a lack of ride comfort or handling over its peers, and the only complaint you'll ever hear handling-wise is from stoplight racers with body piercings and noise violations. But come on. This is an economy car ... and a damn fine-handling one at that.

Between corners, there's sufficient power to crush eggs after grocery shopping. Now, if you decide to read other reviews on the car, the



tester will probably say power from the 1.8-litre Ecotec four-cylinder engine is merely adequate. Not so. It's just as much as you'll ever need, with a good torque

spread and well-spaced gear ratios to chuff you along.

Top-notch build quality and high-grade plastics combine with clean-cut European style to make the interior one of the best in its class. You'll even notice that an impressive trip computer sits smack in the middle of the car's dash. In lesser models, the information and screen is toned down a notch, but in XR trim with the top-grade stereo, it gets as advanced as a graphic equalizer!

Saturn is billing the three-door Astra as the upscale model, with the five-door as the entry-level product at just \$17,900 for an XE without air conditioning. The only

three-door trim level is XR, for \$21,225. Fully loaded, the three-door even comes with 18-inch wheels.

Those shopping for a small car should immediately take a look at the Astra. I've said before that it should make a big impact in Canada. It will. But moreover, strong sales may convince other manufacturers with impressive European and Japanese products to enter the Canadian market with previously unseen technologies. As it stands now, the Astra is a great car and hangs with the class leaders as the final chapter in Saturn's product renaissance.

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Acura RDX has sights trained on competitors

By MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Halifax

Until a short while ago, if you thought your life needed a premium compact SUV you could buy a BMW X3 or ... well, there weren't any real alternatives.

Currently, the X3 stands beside Infiniti's EX35, the Land Rover LR2, upcoming Volvo XC60, and so on.

Now, Acura has hopped into the arena.

The new Acura RDX has its sights trained on the X3 and similar entries in what is expected to become a fast-growing niche in the vast SUV/CUV pantheon.

And why not? For a long time, drivers have been craving a utilitarian vehicle that doesn't look like a wagon or



guzzle gas like a full-sized SUV.

Like all Acuras, the RDX is based on a car-like, front-drive architecture, but it adopts the Super-Handling-AWD concept first seen on the flagship RL luxury sedan. This street-oriented system (no transfer case, no differential locks) not only can vary torque distribution

from 90/10 per cent front/rear to 30/70 per cent, it can also speed up the outside rear wheel during cornering.

The net result is an SUV that — riding on 18-inch wheels and with near-50/50 weight distribution — can corner like a rear-drive sport sedan.

One price you pay for this,

however, is a stiff ride.

The 2.3-litre 'four' under the RDX's hood is Acura's first turbo unit. It's good for 240 hp, and zero to 100 km/h in 8.0 seconds. The engine isn't as musical, however, as we usually expect in an Acura.

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Make most of every tank

As the cost of driving seems to rise every day, drivers are looking to get the most out of every tank. While some use alternative modes of transportation, many people need their cars on a daily basis. For those in the driver's seat, there are simple ways to increase fuel efficiency and save at the pump.

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BONNAROO

» Named best festival by Rolling Stone Magazine, Bonnaroo is a four-day camping festival hosted on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. The party gets under way June 12 with dozens of acts such as Pearl Jam, Jack Johnson, Kanye West, Death Cab for Cutie, Tiësto, BB King and Broken Social Scene; www.bonnaroo.com.

SCHLAGERMOVE

» Schlagermove festival in Hamburg, Germany, set for July 4-5, attracts some 300,000 participants every year. Young and old alike dress in crazy costumes, sing quirky German songs and drink copious amounts of booze. A daytime parade features floats decorated in hippie kitsch and everyone parties like it's 1979; www.schlagermove.de.

FUJI ROCK FESTIVAL

» Set in the mountains of northern Japan, Fuji Rock Festival, held July 25-27, hosts both up-and-coming local bands and and high-

profile headliners like Underworld and Paul Van Dyk; www.smash-uk.com/firfo8. **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL** » The UK's Glastonbury Festival claims to be the "largest greenfield music and performing arts festival in the world." From June 27-29, there'll be performances by Leonard Cohen, Jay-Z, Manu Chao, The Verve, John Mayer, Ben Folds, Massive Attack, Groove Armada, Mark Ronson and many more; www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk.

TUSKA OPEN AIR METAL FESTIVAL

» If metal — heavy, death or both — is your thing, you'll love the Tuska Open Air Metal Festival. Taking place in Helsinki, Finland from June 27-29, the event will feature 32 bands on three stages; www.tuska-festival.fi/index_eng.html.

DISTANT HEAT

» Distant Heat is an all-night rave in Jordan's Wadi Rum desert. Held July 31 to Aug. 1. It features the best of international electronic and dance music in one of the world's most magical and remote locations; www.distantheat.com.

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Insider's Amsterdam

By INGE TE SCHURE
Metro World News

There's more to Amsterdam than canals, coffee shops, bicycles and the red light district. As well as its museums and the 17th-century houses along the canals, Amsterdam has a lot of surprising sites, undiscovered by the mainstream tourist.

Pay a visit to the smallest house in the world (located at Singel 7), the tiniest museum — the Miniature Museum for Modern Art (Singel 548), the "Magere brug" (skinny bridge, Amstel) or a Buddhist temple (Zeedijk 106-118) in the heart of the city.

where to stay

BUDGET: STAYOKAY AMSTERDAM ZEEBURG

A brand new hostel located east of the centre in a typical Amsterdam neighbourhood designed by Dutch architect Edward van Vliet. The hostel shares this 1900s former school with a café/restaurant, theatre and cinema. www.stayokay.com

MID-RANGE: NH CITY CENTRE HOTEL

A hotel at the heart of Amsterdam overlooking the famous Singel Canal, close to the flower market and the home of Anne Frank. Offers a shuttle bus to and from the airport 20 kilometres away. www.nh-hotels.com

DELUXE: GRAND HOTEL AMRATH AMSTERDAM

A new luxury hotel set in the newly-restored Shipping House, a monumental building built between 1912 and 1916 in the Amsterdam School style that retains many of its original features. In the centre of town, 500 metres from the central station. amrathamsterdam.com

what to see

ANNE FRANKHUIS

The house where Anne Frank wrote her famous



At Amsterdam's markets, you'll likely find evidence of the country's liberal marijuana laws.

take it from a local



Amsterdam resident Brian S is one of the Netherlands' hottest DJs, playing funky house and groovy garage at his residencies at clubs all over the country and gigs that take him as far as Russia and the U.S. "The best thing about Amsterdam is everything is close by, so you can go bar-hopping, from one bar to another."

I like to go to cafés on the squares Leidseplein, Rembrandtplein, and then go clubbing at Cineac or Sinners. There's real diversity in Amsterdam. "Of course, all tourists should come to Cineac, where I perform every Thursday at a party called Rush 3000. If you're lucky, your visit will time with a big party with an international DJ. I love to do that myself, but usually I lack the time because I have to perform. My final tip: After a night of dancing, try a typical Dutch "kroket" (croquet), because the fast food store FEBO is open all night long!"

with a vegetable, served with sausage and bacon. <http://www.haesjeclaes.nl/>

PANAMA

Trendy Mediterranean restaurant and club in the old port centre, the area is sometimes called the Manhattan of Amsterdam.

Eat there, then enjoy live jazz on Thursday and Sunday and sets from big name house DJs on the weekend. Book ahead www.panama.nl

where to club

HOTEL ARENA

A cultural meeting point, Hotel Arena is actually a hotel, restaurant, bar and club in one. Built as an orphanage in 1890 this building became a youth hostel in 1982 and was given its other functions in 1990. Housed in the building's former chapel, the club offers two floors of music, a mix of international DJs, 80s theme nights, salsa lounge and club classic. www.hotelarena.nl

CINEAC

New club owned by famous Dutch DJ Tiësto located in a monumental building that used to be a cinema. A young trendy crowd dines at the restaurant, and it's a club every Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the latest house and electronic music. www.cineac.nl

where to eat

HAESKE CLAES

A traditional restaurant that occupies six epic buildings in the historical centre of Amsterdam, complete with original architectural features. They serve traditional Dutch dishes including stamppot: Mashed potatoes

diary as she and her Jewish family hid during World War II is now a well-known museum telling their story of their experience. Anne Frank's diary is among the original objects on display. annefrank.org

VAN GOGH MUSEUM

The museum contains the largest collection of paintings by Vincent van Gogh in the world, giving the visitor the chance to track the artist's developments, or compare his paintings to works by other artists from the 19th century in the collection. www.vangoghmuseum.nl

RED LIGHT DISTRICT

Dating back to the 14th century when sailors arrived

in need of some female company, the district just south of the central station is full of sex shops, brothels, gay bars, cinemas, hotels and different kinds of museums.

While this part of the city is a major tourist attraction, the mayor has been trying to clean it up of late. <http://amsterdam-red-light-district.info/>

entertainment



Christian Bale is to play rebel leader John Connor in three sequels to the Terminator franchise, its producers have revealed.

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» **LAST CHANCE** The curtain is about to fall on Neptune Theatre's production of *The Producers: A New Mel Brooks Musical*. The show (above), which opened on April 15, will end its run on June 1. Neptune was one of only a handful of regional theatre companies to secure the rights to the multiple Tony Award-winner. Tickets for the remaining performances are still available. Call 429-7070 or visit neptunetheatre.com

» **SHORT LISTED** Moncton-based artist Mario Doucette is the Atlantic regional finalist vying for the 2008 Sobeys Art Award. He was among the five candidates who made the shortlist for the art prize, given to an artist under 40. The other finalists include the West Coast and Yukon region's Tim Lee, Prairies and the North region's Daniel Barrow, Ontario's Terence Koh, and Quebec's Raphaëlle de Groot. The award will be handed out this fall.

» **PIKES PARTY** Jay Semko of the Northern Pikes will be holding a Halifax CD release show for his upcoming album, *International Superstar*. The event will take place at Stayner's Wharf this Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

» **NEW DEADLINES** The nomination deadlines for two of the province's most prestigious art prizes have changed. The deadline for the \$25,000 Portia White Prize, which promotes innovation and expression in the arts, has been changed to July 15. The deadline for the \$2,000 Prix Grand-Pré, recognizing artists whose work reflects Acadian cultural values and traditions, has been changed to Aug. 15. More information is found at www.gov.ns.ca/dtc/culture/culture_prizes.asp

» **BACK HERE** Musician Adam Puddington will be performing a string of dates across Eastern Canada, including Halifax, this June to support his new album, *Back in Town*. The Ontario-based singer will perform at Ginger's Tavern on June 27.

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Putting themselves to the Test

Local sports guys go national on CBC quiz show

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

It was a pretty laid back, and a rather Canadian way, to get ready for a sports trivia competition

"Yeah, I prepared by drinking beer," Harv Stewart said with a chuckle.

The co-host of Eastlink Television's Harv's Sportsland was among the sports-casters from across Canada who took part in CBC Television's special, *Test The Nation: Sports*.

"It was top-drawer," Stewart said about the play-at-home competition, which airs on CBC this Sunday. "Of all people, Alan Thicke was our coach." The quiz show will feature 240 Canadians



Harv's Sportsland's Cecil Wright (left) and Harv Stewart are among the participants in CBC Television's *Test The Nation: Sports* this Sunday.

flexing their knowledge of 50 sports-related multiple-choice questions, along with celebrity teams filled with armchair athletes, mascots, Olympians, and referees.

"The couch potatoes were a lot of fun to deal with, too," said Stewart. "I was really excited to do this because I am a big sports fan, and I knew what to expect." Taking part in the quiz show with Stewart was his Harv's Sportsland co-host Cecil Wright. As he boasts on his show biography, Wright "knows everybody and everything. And he's rarely

wrong. Except about NASCAR."

"Absolutely not, I am not an expert," Wright said. "There are some topics I am better on than others, and the show asked a good variety, and several of them I had no knowledge of." Stewart said the questions were not all totally sports-related, there were some pop culture questions and some extreme sport trivia. "It wasn't a big deal. I just went with the flow and I knew the questions weren't going to be too difficult. "They had to be more general for the audience and the

teams involved," he said. Wright said one of the highlights was getting to meet some of Canada's sports celebrities, including people like Don Cherry and gold-medal figure skater Elvis Stojko. "It was an honour to meet him. I shook his hand but everyone wanted to have their picture taken with him," Wright said. "Some lady said 'Do you mind taking a picture of us?' I said sure, and then another person asked.

"Elvis said I should stay with him and be his official photographer."

more information

- » What: *Test The Nation: Sports*
- » Where: CBC Television
- » When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
- » Online: Scorecards are available at cbc.ca/testthenation

Local chefs to be honoured in New York

Five Nova Scotian chefs have been invited to showcase their culinary talent at the prestigious James Beard House in New York City this summer.

The lucky culinary masters are Michael Howell of Tempest World Cuisine, Craig Flinn of Chives Canadian Bistro, Martin Ruiz Sal-

vador of Fleur de Sel, Dennis Johnson of FID and Ray Bear of Bear.

To support the chefs, Taste of Nova Scotia will be hosting a fundraising dinner on June 8 at CFB Halifax's Juno Tower.

The Fine Food & Friends fundraising dinner will feature five courses, each pre-

pared by one of the five chefs.

Tickets for the dinner are \$200 or \$1,400 for a table of eight. Call 492-9291, ext 114 or email tasteofnovascotia.com.

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The bestselling CDs on Amazon.ca are: 1. *Snacktime*, Barenaked Ladies (front man Steven Page, left); 2. *Rockferry*, Duffy; 3. *Narrow Stairs*, Death Cab For Cutie; 4. *Hard Candy*, Madonna; 5. *Home Before Dark*, Neil Diamond.

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Searching for answers

Fictional character helps Sarah Slean pen *The Baroness*

By ROB McMAHON
for Metro Halifax

Now that she's nearing completion of a degree in music and philosophy from the U of T, Sarah Slean's been asked a few times to compare the two fields.

She said both come from the same desire to answer the amazing, spectacular, terrifying questions that pepper our lives. And the characters Slean creates — like the energetic, red-dress-wearing Baroness of her new album — exist to help her grapple with these issues.

"(The Baroness) is spectac-



The Baroness is the latest album from Sarah Slean.

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ular, larger than life — every time she enters a room there's a 13-piece orchestra

there," says Slean. "I considered myself shy and too bookish, and at times socially retarded, so (the Baroness) was helpful as a way of being on stage."

Some characters fit precisely within a single song or short story, while others demand more attention. Asked what made the Baroness a larger-than-song figure (she also appears in *Tales of the Baroness*, a three-part short film and paintings and poems), Slean said it's not the character itself, which does-

n't really fit with the songs. Instead, the goal is to share feelings and experiences through a persona. Comparing her approach to Tom Waits', Slean quoted from his song *Cemetery Polka*: Uncle Verlin, Uncle Verlin, independent as a hog on ice. He's a big shot down there at the slaughterhouse, plays accordion for Mr. Weiss.

"The Baroness character didn't really seem to fit the songs — she was more vivid and bigger. Then I reconsidered the word 'Baroness' (and

see Sarah live ...

» Sarah Slean plays a gig at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on May 29.

came up with) 'Barren-ness', and that totally captured I think what I was telling," she said. "[Waits is] a master at creating 3-D characters. They really come to life in his songs. I'm not doing that at all — I'm consciously moving away from it."

To gather material, Slean occasionally detaches herself from the everyday. She's embarked to a backwoods cabin during her mid-20s ("the existential crisis everyone seems to have in their 20s," she said with a laugh) and more recently, to Paris for seven months. The object of these trips isn't escape, but rather an immersion in the temporarily foreign.

"If everything is stripped away ... what it is like to be alive — is it worth it?" she said. "Yes it is — and that's what music is about, what people are singing about ... (The trip was) about taking all this information and not knowing what to do with it at the time, but when you get back, all the little seeds start sprouting."

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Wilson in sentimental mood

Ex-Beach Boy to release new disc

Brian Wilson will release his first album in more than three years in September, a project that marks his return to Capitol Records, the label where he gained fame with the Beach Boys during the 1960s.

That *Lucky Old Sun* will come out in the United States and Canada Sept. 2, and a day earlier internationally, Wilson announced at a news conference at the label's historic tower in Hollywood this week.

"It's a great honor to be here and a very sentimental time in my life," said Wilson, 65, looking relatively healthy in a striped polo shirt, faded



Brian Wilson

jeans and slip-on tennis shoes. "I haven't recorded here in 46 years, almost half a century that I haven't recorded here. Ha!"

He said he had fond memories of recording the Beach Boys' 1962 debut, *Surfin' Sa-*

fari at Capitol. Later efforts, such as 1966's *Pet Sounds*, were recorded at other studios around Hollywood, though the group remained signed to Capitol, now a unit of closely held EMI Group Plc.

Most of Wilson's solo recordings, including his self-titled 1988 debut and 2004's Grammy-winning *Smile*, have been released by Warner Music Group Corp. His last album, *What I Really Want for Christmas*, came out in 2005 through Arista Records.

Described by Capitol as "a musical love letter from Southern California," the new album features 11 songs punctuated by spoken-word narratives describing life in Los Angeles.

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John Cusack, right, is eyeing a big-budget disaster film as his next project. The actor is in talks to play a heroic survivor in Roland Emmerich's apocalyptic 2012, which Columbia Pictures plans to release in next July. REUTERS



It's all up to Idol viewers

Popularity of singer counts, not technicality

If this competition was actually based on the technicality of the performances of the contestants, David Archuleta would be crowned this year's champion.

But American Idol is a popularity contest. This year's winner will depend on who wowed the viewers more — Archuleta or David Cook.

With three songs each to sing last night, Round 1's songs were chosen by Clive Davis.

Cook sang U2's I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, and though he seemed very nervous at the start, once he started



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singing all that tension evaporated and he did shine like a star.

Archuleta sang Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me by Elton John, and stood his ground with another flawless number.

Round 2 had them sing one of two possibilities for the winner's song. Cook's rendition of Dream Big sounded like Harem Scarem or something like

that from the '80s or '90s. As good as it was, it wasn't very memorable.

Archuleta sang In This Moment — again, another ballad to get all the pre-pubescent girl's hearts fluttering. There was nothing new, but it was a very strong performance.

The final round was competitor's choice. Singing The World I Know by Collective Soul was Cook, but he mumbled most of the song and lost his edge.

Archuleta re-sung Imagine by John Lennon. It's something we've seen before, but it was amazing.

It may have been the battle of the Davids but in the end it was Goliath — Ruben Studdard — who ended the show with Celebrate Me Home.



American Idol's Top 2 contestants: David Archuleta, left, and David Cook.

people

Star Trek's Takei to wed partner

MARRIAGE Actor George Takei, best known for playing Mr. Sulu on Star Trek, says he plans to wed his longtime partner now that the California Supreme Court has overturned a state ban on gay marriage.

Takei, 71, said he and Brad Altman, his 54-year-old business manager, are going through the "delicious process" of planning their nuptials.

"As an American, I was delighted that we're getting closer and closer to more truly being faithful to the Constitution," said Takei.

Takei said he and Altman have been together 21 years, since meeting at a gay men's running club in Los Angeles, where Altman trained the actor for his first marathon. REUTERS

theatre

Holmes to make Broadway debut

CASTING Actress Katie Holmes will make her Broadway debut this autumn in a revival of Arthur

Miller's *All My Sons*, starring alongside Oscar winner Dianne Wiest and Tony winner John

Lithgow, producers said.

A theatre and date have not yet been announced.

movies

Iron Man grips top spot abroad

BOX OFFICE Iron Man led the foreign box office for a third weekend, narrowly beating newcomer The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian and the romantic comedy What Happens In Vegas, according to studio estimates.

The superhero saga grossed an estimated \$25.6 million US from 62 territories, raising its foreign total to \$206 million.

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critics' corner

Life

From leading two lives to being half the man he used to be — there's a comedown. Charlie and Danni (Damian Lewis, Sarah Shahi) investigate a gas explosion that left a man with half his torso gone. The victim was an IRS agent who was living a double life — complete with two wives. A detective's death further rocks Charlie's world in the episode "Farthingale." 11 PM on SHOW



Criminal Minds

Any profiler can find a serial killer with a pattern — such as targeting a certain type of victim. It takes a real pro to track down a murderer whose killings are random and whose victims apparently have nothing in common. But never fear. This team is all pros. Joe Mantegna and Thomas Gibson star in the drama-heavy season finale. 7 PM on CJCH; 10 PM on CBS

CSI: NY

CSIs are supposed to turn up after the crime, not in the middle of it. But in the season finale, Mac (Gary Sinise) is in the thick of things when a bank manager is shot dead during a robbery. One of the thieves takes the bank's occupants hostage at gunpoint but insists he didn't kill the manager, and he wants a crime scene investigator to come in and prove it. Melina Kanakaredes and Carmine Giovinazzo also star in "Hostage." 8 PM on CJCH; 11 PM on CBS

Boston Legal

Concord, Mass., cradle of the American Revolution, wants to secede from the U.S.? If you find that shocking, you're not alone. Denny (William Shatner) is appalled — and even more so when he finds out Alan (James Spader) is representing the secessionists. He signs on with the other side, and the two friends face off in court — which puts a damper on their celebration of their acceptance into the Auxiliary Coast Guard in the season finale, "Patriot Acts." 11 PM on ABC

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	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Insider	Entertain	Price Is Right	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY	
	69	69	69	CFTM	TVA 18h	Sûreté-salé	Marché	Poulet or	Juste pour rire (SC)	Esprits criminels	TVA 22h	
	6	6	6	CJCH	Entertain	ET	Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989)			Fam. Guy	News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY (N)	American Idol				News (N)	
	10	10	10	ELTV	Swap Shop (Live)	Fuelin	Build It (N)	Doc Talk	Job Zone	News	EastLink Television	
	36	36	36	FOX	Simpsons	King-Hill	Two Men	Two Men	American Idol			Fox First
news	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law-Order	
	29	29	29	NW	BBC News	Business	News (N)	Newman	The Hour	National	National	
	4	4	4	PBS-B	News-Lehrer	Boston	Auction	Secrets of the Dead	Depression: Out of the Shadows			
	35	35	35	PBS-D	News-Lehrer	Business	BBC News	Secrets of the Dead	Depression: Out of the Shadows			
	68	68	68	TQS	Journal	Flash	Rire	A toute épreuve ** (2003, Suspense) (SC)		La Magie	Journal	
	23	23	23	BNN	Stars	Business News	Market	Workopol	GetCon	Squeeze Play	Market	
	18	18	18	CNN	The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs	Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live	Cooper		
	54	54	54	GOLF	Big Break: Ka'anapali	Golf	PGA Tour	GolfCentri	19th Hole	The Turn	Top 10	
	52	52	52	RSE	Sportsnet	Hockey	CHL Hockey: Memorial Cup -- Belleville vs. Kitchener				Sportsnet	
	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey	Game On	Update	MLS Soccer D.C. United at Toronto FC.		Update	Tonight	
sports	45	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips	Off-Record	Sports	Hockey	UEFA Champ. League Soccer	Pinks (N)	Pinks (N)	Pass Time
	53	53	53	TSN	Off-Record	Sports	Hockey	UEFA Champ. League Soccer	NBA Basketball: Conf. Final			
	43	43	43	FAM	Zoe 101	Life Derek	So Raven	Smart Guy	Suite Life	Sadie	Montana	School
	44	44	44	TOON	6teen	Johnny T	George	Road Run	Scooby	Futurama	Tripping	Tripping
	26	26	26	TRIE	Fifi	Backyard	Pets	Night Grdn	Wiggle	Franklin	Little Bear	Couch
	27	27	27	YTV	Drake	iCarly	Malcolm	Prank Ptrl	Fries	Monster	Futurama	Shadow
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	Reel Insights	News: Contact		Northern Exposure	500Nats	
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	The Boot		Access	College	Iron Ring	The Wire	
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal	Literature	Arts	Winfield	Camera	Treed Murray (2001, Drama)		
family	67	67	67	CLT	Help TV	The West Wing	Imperium: The Rise and Fall of an Empire			Traders		
	25	25	25	COMT	Picture This	CMT30	Totally	Cherleader Nation	Reba	Faith	Home Imp.	
	49	49	49	COMT	Laughs	Air Force	22 Min	Laughs	Corner	Simpsons	S. Park	Black
	153	153	153	COURT	Crime File	72 Hours	Trace Evidence	The District		Special Forces	Evidence	
	38	38	38	DISC	How-Made	How-Made	Daily Planet (N)	Really Big Things (N)	Dirty Jobs	Mayday		
	48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	Buy Me	Potential	My House	Property	City	Unsellable	
	46	46	46	HIST	Disasters	Mastmnd	NCIS	Inventors	Legends	Working Over Time	NCIS	
	17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Untrue	Naked	U Suck!	Musicians	The Shift	Punch	
	19	19	19	MMM	Profile	mmmtop10.com	Popagenda	Back In	Listed	Lyrics		
	201	201	201	M1	Beowulf & Grendel (2005, Adventure)	In Treatment		The Nanny Diaries (2007)				
cable variety	48	23	23	OLN	Don't Forget	R Wiese	Videos	Ed's Up	Planet	The Rig	Mans	Travels
	51	51	51	PEACH	Friends	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	The Bourne Supremacy *** (2004)				Fraser
	206	206	206	PIX	Valmont	(7:40) Murder by Decree (1979, Mystery)		Below (2002, Suspense)				
	67	67	67	RDI	RDI en direct (SC)	Dominique Poirier	Grands reportages	Le Téléjournal (SC)		Le Club		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer	Billable	ReGenesis	Da Vinci's Inquest	Trailer	Rent	Life	
	40	40	40	SLICE	Three Takes	Women	Debt Part	X-Weighted	Find-Husband	Trading		
	47	47	47	SPACE	The Sentinel	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek Gen.	Supernat		
	14	14	14	SPAKE	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	UFC Unleashed	Fighter			
	57	98	98	STAR	Making It	Treatment	Look Like	Hollywood	TMZ	eTalk	Design	In Fashion
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Skilling	Jon Kate
cable variety	56	34	34	TROP	Inside Box	Vanity	TV Made	Ad Pers	ET	What	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld
	20	20	20	TV5	Champion	J'nal FR2	Toute une histoire	Entre ses mains (2005, Drama)	La 25ème	24 idées		
	28	28	28	V	Side Effects	Murder, She Wrote	No Place	Jeeves and Wooster	Rabbit Fall			
	22	22	22	W	Shopping	House	Will-Grace	Friends	Shopping	Style Jury	Cookies	Stuck
	251	251	251	WGN	My Wife	Jim	Two Men	Fam. Guy	Farmer Wants a Wife	Farmer Wants a Wife	News	

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What caused Shania breakup?

What caused the sudden breakup of Shania Twain and her husband, music producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, after 14 years of marriage? His relationship with another woman, say several sources.

After the separation was announced in a statement, Lange called the split "an unfortunate thing," People.com reports. He added, "It's literally just a growing apart, that's all."

But sources close to the situation

say a third party was involved: Marie-Anne Thiébaud, a longtime secretary and manager of the couple's chateau in Switzerland. "Mutt and Marie-Anne left their spouses for each other and are still in a relationship," says one source.

Lange denies the claims. "It's absolutely not the reason [for the separation]," the famously reclusive producer told People magazine when asked about the alleged affair.

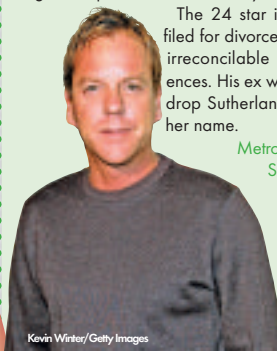
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Kiefer is officially single

Kiefer Sutherland is officially single — he has finalized his divorce four years after filing for a legal separation from his wife Elizabeth, imdb.com reports. The couple split in 1999. The divorce was made official in Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday.

The 24 star initially filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences. His ex will now drop Sutherland from her name.

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Taking time off is risky: Paltrow

Gwyneth Paltrow says that taking time off to be mother to daughter Apple, now 4, and son Moses, 2, made her feel forgotten by Hollywood, People.com reports.

In Cannes to promote *Two Lovers*, in which she co-stars with Joaquin Phoenix, the Shakespeare in Love Oscar winner, 35, expanded upon a comment made by Jodie Foster, who noted that Hollywood has a short memory.

"I really did not know if there would be a place for me," said Paltrow. "Jodie Foster was right, especially if you are a woman and especially if you are not 25. Hollywood is pretty cutthroat, and everybody has a short memory. There is always someone who is younger or hotter or prettier."

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Lohan facing lawsuit

The fur fuss swirling around Lindsay Lohan has gone legal — the actress has been slapped with a lawsuit for taking a coat without permission, imdb.com reports. Masha Markova claims the star took her \$12,000 US mink coat as she left a New York club at the end of a night out in January. The New York student has filed papers in Manhattan's state Supreme Court.

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Victoria set for TV

Victoria Beckham is set to return to *Ugly Betty*, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Spice Girl will be making regular appearances on the hit US TV show, about Mode fashion magazine, after impressing bosses with her cameo last year.

A series insider said: "The producers are delighted she will return. She is going to feature quite a bit."

When she appeared as herself in an episode last year, Victoria was locked in a cupboard by publishing executive Wilhelmina Slater.

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Diaz describes 'ideal guy' to In Style

Cameron Diaz, who has dated both Justin Timberlake and John Mayer, opens up to the June issue of *In Style* about the kind of guy she's looking to spend quality time with, MSN Entertainment reports.

"I'm not going to bring some idiot into my world, and if I'm not sure about him, I'm cautious," she tells the mag. "My list is all about balance. You can have smart but not funny. You can have funny but not very smart. You can have intellectual but not social. But ... I want it all! I love big brains. I love to eat. I love to be outdoors. I love to have conversations! I love to make love. I live like arrrrgh!" OK, Cam, take a deep, calming breath.

"I don't do anything half-assed," she continues, "and I want somebody who can keep up with all that. And I want someone who can show me something, you know?"

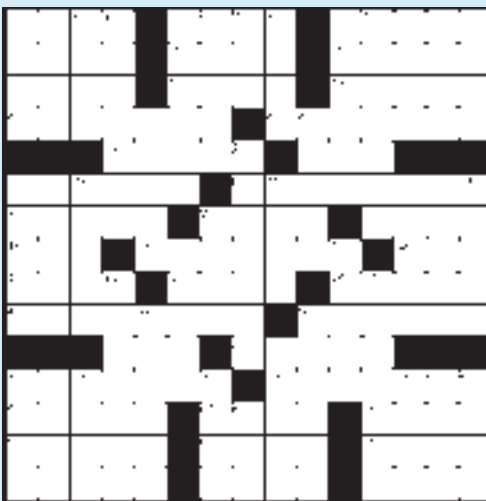
As long as he's not overly man-scaped. "I love chest hair," reveals Diaz. "Mm-hmm. I'm not saying I want a huge amount, but the right amount is very sexy. I don't like the smooth, hairless body."

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down»

- 1 Finger-paint
- 2 Ingrid in "Casablanca"
- 3 British gun
- 4 City near Seville
- 5 Summer flower
- 6 Ancient Peruvian
- 7 Ghost — chance
- 8 Chomsky
- 9 Go to extremes
- 10 Lends an ear
- 11 Rx amount
- 12 Zest for life
- 13 Flashlight output
- 21 Totally amazing
- 23 Main artery
- 25 Skirt or blouse
- 27 Musician's org.
- 28 Latin dance
- 29 Kind of prof
- 31 Engine parts
- 32 Sycophant's replies
- 33 — Kea volcano
- 34 Campaign tactic
- 36 Romantic island
- 40 Gam and Coolidge
- 41 Nurtures
- 44 Luau strummer
- 47 Cowhide
- 49 Gets acclimated
- 50 Vinegar bottles
- 53 Sgt. Bilko
- 54 Young lady
- 55 Prefix for pod
- 56 Bluffer
- 57 MOMA artist
- 59 Homer's instrument
- 60 Margin
- 61 Cubicle filler
- 64 A Little Woman

across»

- 1 Compact —
- 5 Utah national park
- 9 Less modern
- 14 Low voice
- 15 The skinny
- 16 Cello kin
- 17 Software buyer
- 18 Rose Bowl org.
- 19 Composition
- 20 Kerchief
- 22 Weasel relatives
- 24 Due for payment
- 26 Lyric poem
- 27 Where Kuwait is
- 30 NASCAR and NASA
- 35 Ms. Sarandon
- 36 Naughty kid
- 37 Coal deposit
- 38 1 in. = 2.54 —
- 39 Syntax
- 42 Bring action
- 43 — Ben Adhem
- 45 Dots in the Seine
- 46 Ms. Verdugo
- 48 Quit for the day (3 wds.)
- 50 Kind of salad
- 51 Comedienne— Merkel
- 52 — firma
- 54 Oyster or clam
- 58 Took stock?
- 62 Colder
- 63 Jet route
- 65 Jekyll's other half
- 66 Musty
- 67 Radiate
- 68 Units of energy
- 69 Tender spots
- 70 Gazes at
- 71 Smell strongly

previous answer



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 3. S. H. E. L. L. F. I. S. H.
 4. S. H. E. L. L. F. I. S. H.

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes Genius
 13-17 minutes Scholar
 17-21 Smart
 21-25 Pretty good
 More than 25 Keep practising

previous answer

9	4	7	2	8	5	3	1	6
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7	9	8	4	5	2	1	6	3

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

A reliable friend causes anxiety. Contact is made with those who care. All will be well in the end, if you do your share of work.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Fragments of the truth will disturb you. A field trip is fine way to spend time. A bad deal gets smoothed out the easy way.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Someone is caught being rude and self-centered. Refuse to take on disputes with others. Don't take anything personally.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A tyrant insists on following protocol. Concentrate on going full-steam-ahead. Tell an amusing story to a decision maker.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

You have the ability to see the future. The best thing will happen, if you keep your eyes open. A raving showdown is exciting to watch.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Pushiness sets the tone for the day. A static situation is at an end. A head-trip can be avoided by going off alone.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A silent co-worker knows what happiness is. Someone's quiet rebellion is disturbing. Your expectations of others are too high.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

An accident leads to a passionate debate. Financial needs arise with urgency. Rage results from making a resolution.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

A security concern is raised by a worker with money problems. A discovery leads to disbelief. Going away is an excellent option.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

An achiever must have a good time. You'll understand the meaning of loyalty. Let your heart and mind work together.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Good news will come your way. A woman comments on someone's dreams. Share your feelings with a trustworthy person.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A suggestion for therapy will wreak havoc. Learn from those who live with integrity. Make inquiries before responding.

-AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 21, 1851: Abolition of slavery in Colombia, South America.

May 21, 1945: United States screen legend Humphrey Bogart marries actress Lauren Bacall.

May 21, 1881: The American Red Cross is established by Clara Barton.

May 21, 1972: Michelangelo's Pieta, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, is damaged by a vandal.

May 21, 1917: Great Atlanta fire of 1917.

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Halifax weather

Afternoon



Rain. 60%
 12°

Tonight



Partly cloudy.
 3°

Thursday



Variable.
 13° / 5°

Friday



Showers. 80%
 12° / 5°

Saturday



Variable.
 15° / 4°

Temperature

Normals
 High: 14.6°
 Low: 5.5°

Records

High: 22.8°/1951
 Low: -0.6°/1974

Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.
 Sunset: 8:42 p.m.
 Moonset: 6:04 a.m.
 Moonrise: 10:48 p.m.

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Wacky Wheatley's
8961 Commercial St
- PORT HAWKESBURY**
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